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University Honors Program offers benefits for exceptional students

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College can be hard. However, high-achieving students need an extra challenge. That's where the University Honors program comes in. Designed for students who score over a 3.75 GPA in high school and a 28 or higher score on their ACT, UHP provides its students with a multitude of benefits.

One big bonus for the program is the Honors House. Located just a few blocks from campus, the Honors House provides a separate housing option where students can be surrounded by peers with a similar level of dedication to their studies.

"I wanted to live here because it's smaller and there's lot of perks like free printing and free parking," Bridgett Kelly, sophomore in pre-professional elementary education, said. "I love it because everyone who lives in the house is really close and a great support system."

For Lauren Benjamin, freshman in biology, the Honors House also provided a smaller and less intimidating atmosphere for her first year away from home.

UHP also provides students with special access to events and field trips and study abroad options that aren't available to regular students. The level of education students get from their honors courses provides them with the opportunity to push themselves as scholars.

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RCPD tests body-worn cameras to decide on department-wide use

By KELSEY KENDALL
THE COLLEGIAN

Police-worn body cameras have recently been receiving much attention from the public and media. Many have said that the cameras should be required in order to help hold police officers and the public accountable for their actions, and Riley County Police Department Capt. Tim Hegarty said he agrees. RCPD is currently testing 11 body-worn cameras, although this test run has been in the makings since before body cameras became a "nationwide topic," according to Hegarty.

"We wanted to be ready in case we were forced to (implement the body cameras)," Hegarty said.

Since November 2013, the Riley County Police Department began looking into different companies that sell body-worn cameras. In the summer of 2014, one company's cameras were tested and, in November 2014, 11 cameras were bought to be assigned to officers without mobile computing, such as officers on bicycles.

"Every officer (issued a camera) went through orientation or boot camp style training," Matthew Droke, RCPD public information officer, said.

Training included learning how the cameras function and how to adjust the settings, linking footage to cases and the best practices in using the cameras.

"The difficult part is remembering to turn on the camera," Droke said.

According to Hegarty, the officers have been doing a good job in remembering to turn their cameras on. Even if the camera is turned on, though, some issues may arise.

"It's a tool," Hegarty said. "It's technology. It's not a solution."

The officers were trained to use the cameras in situations in which they might take enforcement action, such as pulling a vehicle over or making an arrest. If a situation comes up where the officer has to respond quickly, the camera may be forgotten to be turned on, though.

Droke said that as the officers grow more familiar with the cameras, they will remember the cameras more easily. According to Droke, the batteries in the camera may die or it may be knocked off the officer in a high stress situation.

"(A camera) doesn't work like a human eye," Droke said.

The camera provides a limited view of a situation. If the officer sees something out of the corner of his or her eye, the camera will not record it. Although,

Hegarty said that in many public-police interactions, bystanders will take videos on their cell phones.

"It felt important to have (a video) from our point of view," Hegarty said.

Despite these possible complications, Droke and Hegarty said they believe that these cameras will be good for the police department.

"(The cameras are) a good tool for the public and officers," Droke said.

The Riley County Police Department is not the first in Manhattan to implement the body-worn cameras. The K-State Police Department is already using the cameras and Maj. Don Stubbings, assistant director of the K-State police department, said he agrees that the cameras are a useful tool for police officers.

"(The cameras) allow officers to recall contacts," Stubbings said. "It allows for more effective report writing."

According to Droke, the cameras not only help officers working with the public, but also help in training. Police officers are trained in a reality-based training program. By using the cameras, individuals training can look back on their performance with the footage and make corrections from there.

"They allow us to train



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The Digital Ally: FirstVu HD body cameras are already being used by the KSU Police to aid in the accurate documentation of their interactions with the public. In November 2014, the RCPD began utilizing the same technology.

more intelligently," Droke said.

Researching the different camera companies and testing them in the field were the first two of three phases in implementing the cameras. The final phase is deciding on how many cameras the police department will be receiving. The 11 cameras already purchased are part of a five-year contract with TASER International that costs \$43,000, which includes warranties, AXON Flex head-mounted cameras and data storage.

The cameras themselves are \$500 each, but data storage is the most expensive part, cost-

ing a minimum of \$60,000 per year according to Hegarty. They are currently using the cloud, a network server, to store footage.

The next phase of the implementation decides if the police department will outfit all officers with the cameras or if the aging in-car camera system will be replaced. To provide all officers with cameras, \$300,000 would be paid over five years. Because of these costs, the department cannot afford to both upgrade the current system and implement the new.

"It's okay with (the police department) if the government

body and public want to spend it," Hegarty said.

Hegarty and Droke emphasize that these cameras may not be a complete solution to any problems that may arise between police officers and the public, but said they do put the department in a better position to deal with those complaints. With many police departments across the nation showing interest in these cameras, the RCPD is getting a head start in preparing for any possible changes.

"(Body-worn cameras) may be where the future is at," Hegarty said.

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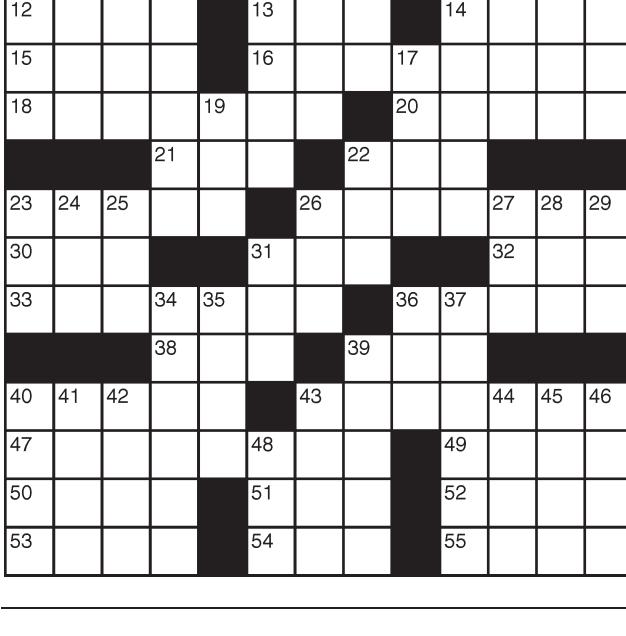
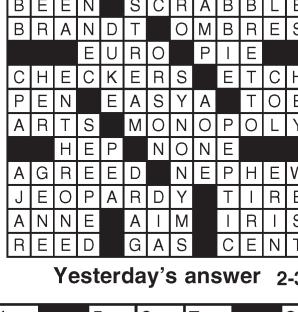




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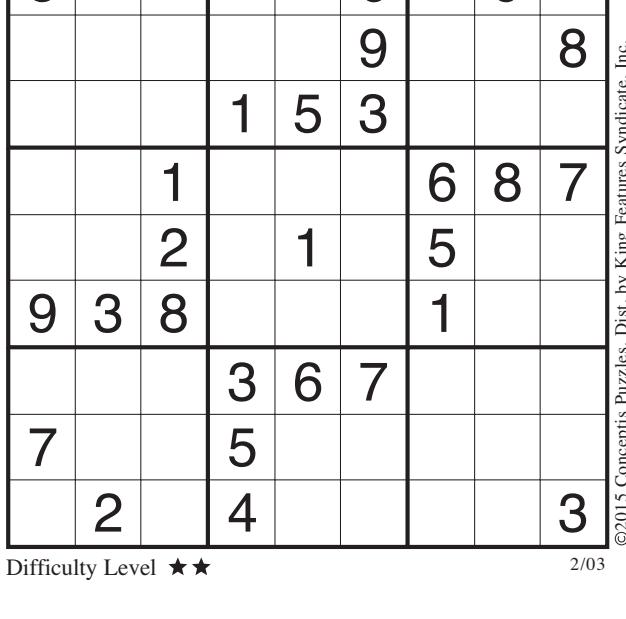
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By Dave Green



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ARREST REPORTS

Sunday, Feb. 1
Tiffanie Marie Jacobs, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Dean David Kimball, of the 300 block of North Fourth Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Konrad Wolf Kelson, of the 2000 block of Tecumseh Road, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Ross Eugene Bennett Jr., of the 1700 block of Fair Lane, was booked for criminal trespass. Bond was set at \$500.



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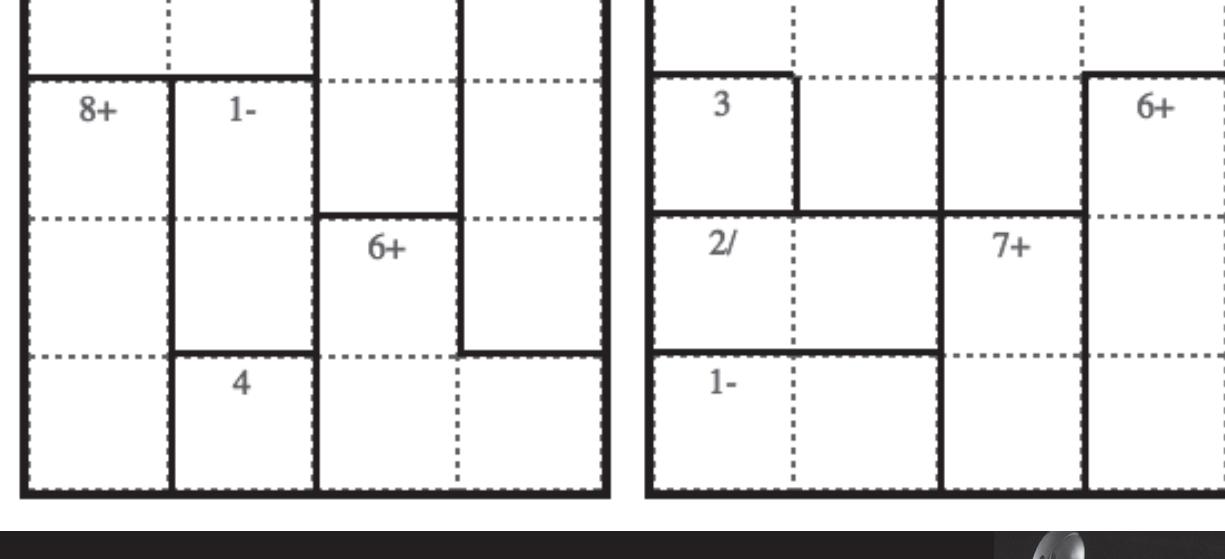
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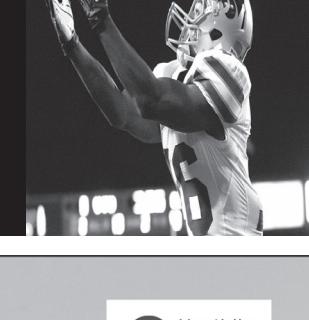
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College football recruiting, the loose meaning behind verbal commitments



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The Wildcats high-five K-Staters who made the trip down to Norman, Oklahoma on Oct. 18, 2014 to see them upset a ranked Sooners team for the second time in Gaylord Family Memorial Stadium in Norman.

TATE STEINLAGE
THE COLLEGIAN

From the comforts of his home in Georgia, Mohamed Barry decided on his future. Another 18-year-old star athlete weighed the options and chose the one, he felt, would maximize his potential.

That decision was to sign for

head coach Mike Riley and Nebraska as the 16th member of the Huskers' 2015 recruiting class. With his family at his side, Barry revealed the news via Twitter.

The response online was surprisingly civil considering what we've seen in recent years with recruits. For those not up to speed: Barry had originally committed to Wisconsin this past June. He then parted ways with the Badgers in October, with media outlets citing academic issues as a factor, and committed to K-State in November before teasing Miami and Nebraska in the weeks following his second commitment.

In the end, Nebraska swept in and secured Barry's talents, concluding a roller-coaster recruiting trail.

Down south in Louisiana, four-star linebacker Leo Lewis flipped from Ole Miss to either LSU or Mississippi State while in Baton Rouge for an official visit. That's right:

Lewis, the No. 1-ranked linebacker in the country, informed the Rebels that he would not be playing for them this fall while on a visit to another school.

Monday, three-star defensive back Kylian Johnson flipped his commitment from K-State to Florida.

Talk about a lot of drama.

For those unfamiliar with the process of college football recruiting, this isn't anything new. Recruits flip their commitments regularly leading up to National Signing Day. But it's exactly that which is the problem: "commitment."

Verbally committing to a program used to be the equivalent of a gentlemen's agreement. It was an informal, non-binding way for recruits to tell a school, "I'm coming here," prior to putting pen on paper.

That's not the case anymore. Verbal commitments are now the equivalent of updating your Facebook relationship status — in a relationship one moment, "it's complicated" or single the next. Oftentimes it's for leverage.

The unfortunate issue here is that there are no concrete rules or officials in place to change the process. NCAA regulations limit coaching staffs during recruiting, but little is done in the way of the athlete and how they go about the selection

process.

Should that be changed? Probably not. As it stands, the NCAA already has too much power. Still, though, the word "committed" appears to mean very little nowadays. Barry hinted at that fact in a recent interview with GoPowercat.

"Committed to K-State, not committed to K-State — that doesn't matter anymore," Barry said. "I'm not trying to be negative about it, I just mean that commitments mattered back in the fall. By this point, the only thing that matters is that letter of intent and where you are signing."

With the current recruiting format, players are set up to fail. They are expected to announce a verbal commitment early on and either follow it through to signing day or make a flip. Either way, the athlete gets thrown under the bus by the personnel and fans of the school, or schools, he has decided not to play for.

Of course, part of the problem is us, the media. You can now be hired solely for the purpose of following high school prospects through the process to signing day. These writers often do a phenomenal job, but with a greater focus comes more questions, which inevitably makes for more storylines and unneeded drama.

The easiest way to fix this format is to trash verbal commitments altogether. There are simply no good reasons for an athlete to corner himself with a choice months ahead of even stepping on a college campus as a student athlete.

Barry and company have the right to sign wherever they see fit. So many of us can likely recall laboring over which college to attend; I assume very few of you, myself included, had to factor in being a Division I athlete on top of everything.

Will dropping this step fix the fallout of the inevitable decision on National Signing Day? Absolutely not. But it certainly will eliminate an outdated step in the recruiting process that has proven to have little meaning.

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STATE BRIEFS

Construction accident at Vanier Complex

A concrete form fell on a worker at the Vanier Football Complex construction site around 10:30 a.m. Monday, according to a K-State press release. Emergency medical personnel from the Manhattan Fire Department and Riley County EMS responded to the scene. The unnamed worker was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center for non-life threatening injuries.

Kansas House votes against transparency amendment

The Kansas House voted down a bill amendment that would require emails from state officials' private email accounts to be viewed as part of the public record when used to conduct state business, according to the Topeka Capital-Journal.

The amendment was introduced by Rep. Jim Ward, D-Wichita, after it was revealed that Gov. Sam Brownback's budget director Shawn Sullivan used a personal email account to share information about the state's budget plan with two registered lobbyists. It was voted down 30-86.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, said he planned on introducing a bill that would have the same reforms found in the amendment.

"This is a huge loophole in the open records act," Hensley said. "It's a way to evade the law."

Ghana dance troupe to perform on campus

The Saakumu Dance Troupe will perform Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the All Faiths Chapel. The free show, open to all ages, will feature traditional and contemporary dance and music from Ghana. Bernard Woma will lead the group in a variety of spiritual, recreational and ceremonial genres, as well as contemporary African dances. Woma has previously performed for world leaders including Queen Elizabeth II, Nelson Mandela and U.S. president Bill Clinton.

Senator to discuss drawdown at Fort Riley

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran will visit with Army leaders at Fort Riley next Monday. The meeting comes after the Army announced a possible drawdown of troops at the post. In a press release by Fort Riley Public Affairs, the Army is in the process of reducing troop numbers from 570,000 to 490,000.

POLICE BRIEFS

compiled by Jon Parton

New Deputy Secretary for Environment named

Former business owner Gary Mason was named as the new Deputy Secretary for Environment on Monday, according to WIBW. Mason has previously worked in state and federal government positions in consulting and manufacturing.

"KDHE has a significant number of external customers and it is my goal to reach out and determine how we can serve them better," Mason said. "I will then work closely with staff to respond to these needs, while at the same time continue to maintain the proper levels of regulatory compliance and policies that protect our environment."

Mason previously ran for State Senate in 2012.

Fort Riley troops receive Royal welcome

A group of Kansas City Royals players and managers were on hand Monday to welcome back the Second Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, Fourth Brigade Combat Team. The troops returned home after an eight-month deployment to Djibouti in Africa, according to the Little Apple Post. Hall of fame-inductee George Brett was there to greet the troops and take photos with them.

POLICE BRIEFS

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Vehicle burglary results in over \$3,000 estimated loss

A lockbox containing cash was stolen Saturday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. in the 400 block of Humboldt Street, according to a Riley County Police report. Ryan Platt, 35, of Manhattan, reported that the lockbox was taken from his vehicle, which

was parked in the area. The total estimated loss from the case and damages is approximately \$3,525. No arrests have been made, but police ask anyone with information to contact them or the Manhattan Riley County Crime Stoppers.

RCPD investigating case of aggravated arson

An early morning fire on Saturday led to RCPD filing a report for aggravated arson and criminal damage to property. Minor damage was done to

the building, located on the 400 block of Fourth Street. No one was injured in the fire. Police are investigating the incident but have not made any arrests.

Three unknown assailants attack man in Aggierville

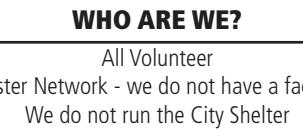
A man was attacked by three unknown white males early Sunday morning in the south alley of 1127 Moro St. in Aggierville, according to RCPD. Wesley Harmon, 25, of Fort Riley was taken to Mercy Regional for treatment of his wounds.

Witnesses described one of the suspects wearing a multicolor hooded sweatshirt or jacket, another was reported as wearing a blue hoodie and there was no description for the third suspect.

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Selfies: an outlet for the selfish and the conceited



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How to take the perfect selfie: position your camera higher than your chin in order to avoid unwanted flab around your neck. Always use a filter. Take photos with famous landmarks or attractions. Your face in the photo will surely take some of the attention off whatever you are showcasing. Invest in a selfie-stick or phone tripod. No one wants to see your arm reaching out to capture the perfect selfie.

Selfies are for the selfish. I was curious about the science behind selfies and if any research behind the vein self-portraits even existed. It turns out James Kilner, a neuroscientist from University College London, tried to understand people's fascination with taking pictures of themselves and posting them on different social media outlets.

Kilner said that people have a lot of trouble reading their own facial expressions. This is due to the lack of time and experience we have actually looking at our own faces. People have mastered reading others and picking up social cues based on facial expressions, but lack of knowledge of what they themselves look like,

according to "The science behind why we take selfies," a BBC News article.

In the article, Kilner said people often have trouble picking out photographs of themselves that have not been digitally altered. When given a series of photographs, people often misidentify the correct photo of themselves, and usually choose a photo that makes them look prettier and younger.

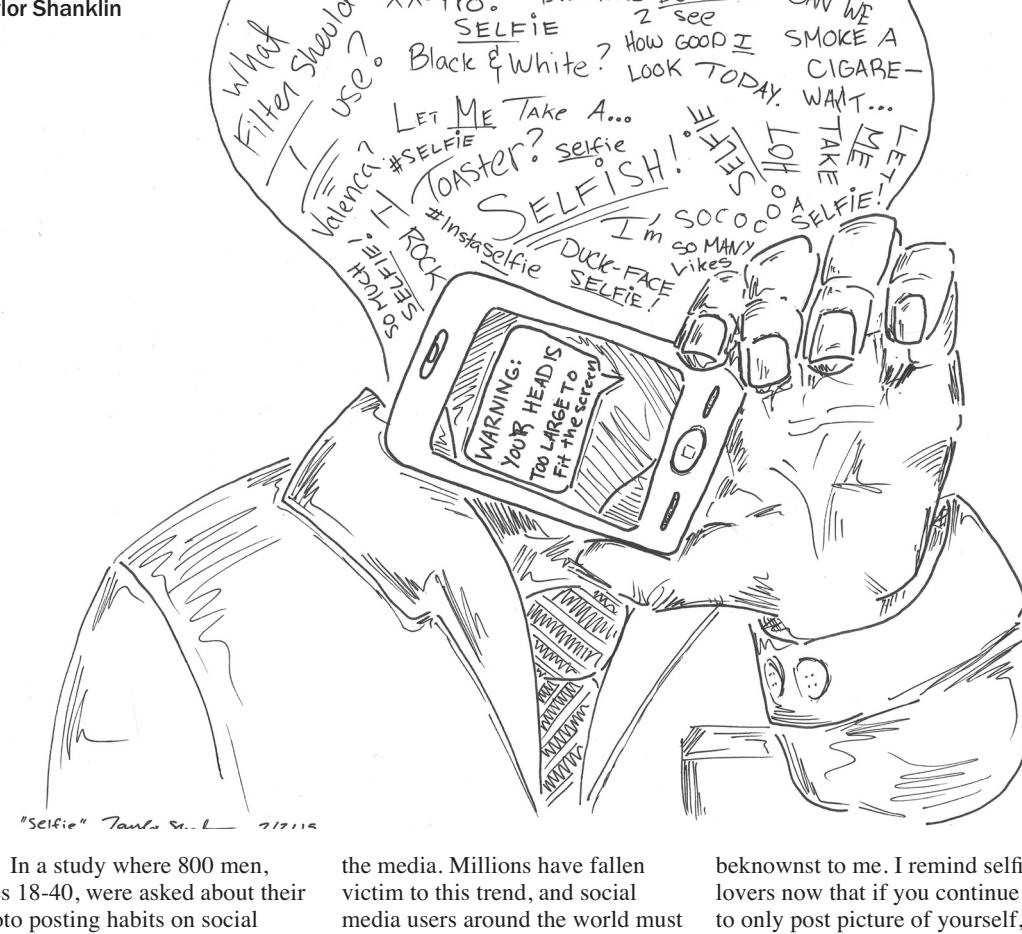
"In other words, we have an image of ourselves that tends to be younger and more attractive than we actually are," Kilner said.

Between filters, adjusting contrasts and apps like Instagram, it is no wonder people are so quick to post pictures of themselves shamelessly and more often than perhaps needed. Many places around the world have even banned the usage of selfie-sticks or banned taking selfies altogether. For instance, participants in the annual Running of the Bulls festival in Pamplona, Spain are now banned from taking selfies. Some participants are so desperate to get a perfect shot with the animals that they risk being trampled to death by the bulls they wish to take a picture with.

In February, New York will be the first state to place a ban on taking selfies with lions, tigers and other big cats at traveling circuses and county fairs to protect the wild animals, according to BBC News.

Having a newsfeed muddled with self-obsessed selfies isn't the only issue I have with the photos. A new Ohio State University study suggests that selfies might be more than just a pet peeve; they could even potentially show dangerous characteristics in men that post selfies regularly.

Illustration by
Taylor Shanklin



In a study where 800 men, ages 18-40, were asked about their photo posting habits on social media, a correlation was found between the number of photos posted and narcissism and psychopathy character traits, according to The Huffington Post.

Additionally, higher levels of self-objectification were linked to those men who said they edited photos of themselves.

Without any research, I can safely say that selfies are a popular trend among young people today feeling the pressures of unrealistic beauty standards portrayed by

the media. Millions have fallen victim to this trend, and social media users around the world must accept that meaningless selfies will continue to dominate their news feeds.

But if we really investigate why selfies are so popular, there is a hard truth behind the self-portraits. We utilize different photo editing techniques to ultimately make ourselves better looking. Whether or not that is because we think we look better than we actually do, or are insecure about the realities of our beauty, is un-

beknownst to me. I remind selfie lovers now that if you continue to only post picture of yourself, you will be unfriended. Consider yourself warned.

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Capital punishment is ineffective, cruel, should be abolished in the US



SONIA KUMAR
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Although execution as a form of punishment has existed for generations, capital punishment in the U.S. reached a peak in the 1930s, with more criminals being put to death by the government than in any other decade since. Despite many Supreme Court rulings and high profile cases, capital punishment is still a highly-debated issue, one that sheds light on how fairness and justice is upheld in the U.S.

In my opinion, capital punishment is an inefficient way to punish criminals because it is an outdated, ineffective, biased and expensive practice that furthers a cycle of violence.

Outdated

Capital punishment is an extremely outdated practice that has already been abolished in 18 states and the District of Columbia. Many U.S. states are coming to the realization that

the death penalty is inhumane. Capital punishment is dormant in the military and in the federal system and, according to The New York Times article "The Slow Demise of Capital Punishment," 30 states had no executions within the past five years as of 2013.

For a country that prides itself on being innovative, we are one of the last countries that still honors the death penalty. The U.S. is regressing with this controversial issue and should think differently. The death penalty, though still very much alive, has become less popular and is used most frequently in places such as Texas and Florida, where over half of 2013's 80 sentences occurred, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Taking innocent lives

Capital punishment is an ineffective deterrent to crime and criminals. There have been several instances where capital punishment has sent innocent people to death row.

Kirk Noble Bloodsworth spent nine years in prison and two years on death row for a crime he did not commit. Bloodsworth also said Carlos DeLuna, Ruben Cantu and Cameron Todd Willingham were others put to death before their cases were fully and thoroughly closed, according to his article in The New York Times, "Of Course the Death Penalty is Cruel and Unusual."

All three men have since had considerable doubt cast on their convictions.

Capital punishment is ineffective because it can be erroneous and biased as well.

"Someone will always end up on the short end of the stick," Bloodsworth said in the article. "Most of the time, that person will be black or Latino and poor. If it can happen to me, it could happen to you."

There is an overwhelming amount of evidence that minorities are facing the most disparity due to the death penalty. Several studies have indicated that minorities are more likely to be sentenced with the death penalty than other offenders, according to The New York Times article, "Justice and Victims of Color."

If we believe that the death penalty illustrates the ultimate definition of justice for victims, then we also have to accept that this form of "justice" is ineffective and biased as well.

Expenses

One of the more popular arguments of those in favor of the death penalty is that it is cheaper to kill inmates rather than sentence them to life imprisonment. However, death penalty cases are extremely costly to states and taxpayers, and in some cases are more expenses than life imprisonment.

These cases are also expensive due to long trials, excessive witnesses and timely jury se-

lections, according to The New York Times article, "The Slow Demise of Capital Punishment."

Housing prisoners on death row in Kansas costs twice as much per year (\$49,380) as for prisoners in the general population (\$24,690). Extra security is also needed for death row inmates, according to an article in Forbes magazine entitled, "Considering the Death Penalty: Your Tax Dollars at Work."

"An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind."

MAHATMA GHANDI

In California, the annual cost of lifetime incarceration is a mere \$11.5 million compared to the \$137 million it costs to use the death penalty.

Ineffective

One may argue that this cost is justified because capital punishment is a warning. It illustrates the consequences of one's horrifying actions and is used to scare people into not committing serious crimes. Millions of dollars is quite an investment to scare members of society. Money used to finance capital punishment

could be spent on real crime deterrents such as courts, police officers, prison cells and public defenders. This could result in less crime than the fear capital punishment evokes.

With social issues, such as same-sex marriage, constantly changing, public attitudes towards the death penalty are changing as well. Regardless of their morals, U.S. citizens should view the death penalty from an economic standpoint as well.

A circle of violence

Capital punishment helps further a cycle of violence. Many who stand by the death penalty justify "an eye for an eye." This idea only helps cycle a larger perspective that violence is justified.

Darryl Stallworth, deputy district attorney in Alameda County, California from 1992 to 2007, once fought to sentence a young man to death, but as he delved further into the case he realized that he was, "witnessing a cycle of violence." The young boy had a rocky childhood in which his crime resembled traumatic violence he had gone through as a child. Stallworth realized that he couldn't stand by the death penalty for this boy despite his crimes because it perpetuated a cycle of violence, according to The San Jose Mercury News article, "Death Penalty Perpetuates Vicious Cycle of Violence."

Killing someone will not help bring a loved one back or make the victim and the perpetrator even. How are those that have implemented capital punishment any better than a murderer? The death penalty justifies killing someone and deems that the only way to properly punish someone is to take away their life. Capital punishment depletes the American justice systems definition of justice and takes their credibility away by perpetuating a cycle of violence which makes killing acceptable.

Abolishing the death penalty would rid the U.S. of an old-fashioned and backwards practice that is extremely costly, perpetuates a cycle of violence and is ineffective as a deterrent. If we move funds that the death penalty would use in more effective places we may have less crime than the "fear" capital punishment evokes. The U.S. and its citizens should look at more controversial issues from an introspective lens rather than from one seeking justice and revenge.

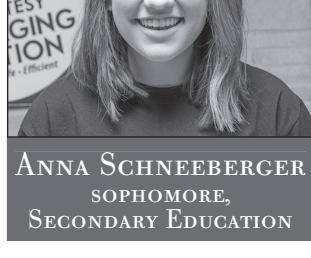
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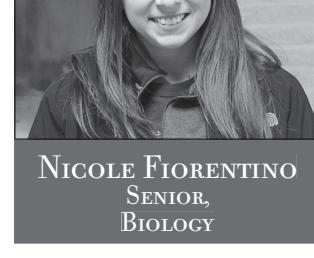
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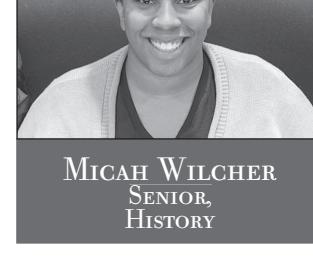
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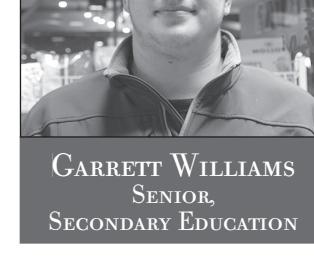
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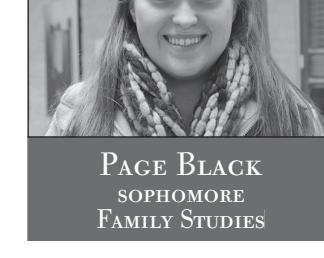
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"I think I'm most looking forward to seeing the campus bloom and blossom. I love the way campus looks with flowers."

"I hate the cold, so I'm just ready to not have to bundle up all the time. Warm weather makes me want to get out and do more."

"The sunshine. I just hate the cold, gloomy weather. I like being able to walk out in the warm weather."

"I'm looking forward to spring because that's when rugby season starts back up"

"The warm weather and hammocking. I really like being able to be in a hammock."

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Dear K-Staters,

I want to kick this week's letter off with a shoutout to our men's and

women's track and field teams, both of which are off to a fast start this season. The women's team is currently ranked No. 12 in the nation, with seven athletes leading the Big 12 in their events. Last week, the women placed fourth and the men placed fifth overall in the New Mexico Team Invitational. Your last chance to see the team compete at home this season is on Feb. 20 in Ahearn Field House for the K-State Open.

Next, congratulations are in order for Powercat Financial Counseling, which is celebrating its fifth anniversary this week. This program, created by the Student Governing Association with funds from the Student-Centered

Tuition Enhancement allocation, has grown steadily and is now on stable funding. PFC is a perfect model of SCTE's goal: using our tuition dollars to fund programs that make a noticeable, positive impact on student life. A reception will be held in the K-State Student Union Courtyard at noon on Wednesday.

We are continuing conversations with Athletics Director John Currie and his staff in regard to future improvements on Memorial Stadium. We want Memorial Stadium to be a great home for the new women's soccer program, while remaining useful to the band, sports clubs, ROTC, students and the community at large. We're hoping to

complete some renovations before the fall semester begins so coach Dibinni and the soccer team can get right down to business.

The Tuition and Fees Strategies Committee, formerly the Tuition Strategies Committee, has begun meetings regarding fiscal year 2016. The committee, on which only students are voting members, is chaired by Abby Works, speaker of the Student Senate, and myself, and includes representatives from each college. We'll work hard to develop a tuition recommendation, which we'll send to President Kirk Schulz, who will consider our recommendations while drafting his budget proposal for the Kansas Board

of Regents. All of our meetings are open, so feel free to join us!

That's all for now. We'll see you in Bramlage Coliseum at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Make sure to wear black to watch us take down the Cowboys! If you need a black shirt, you can get one from K-State Proud and support your fellow students!

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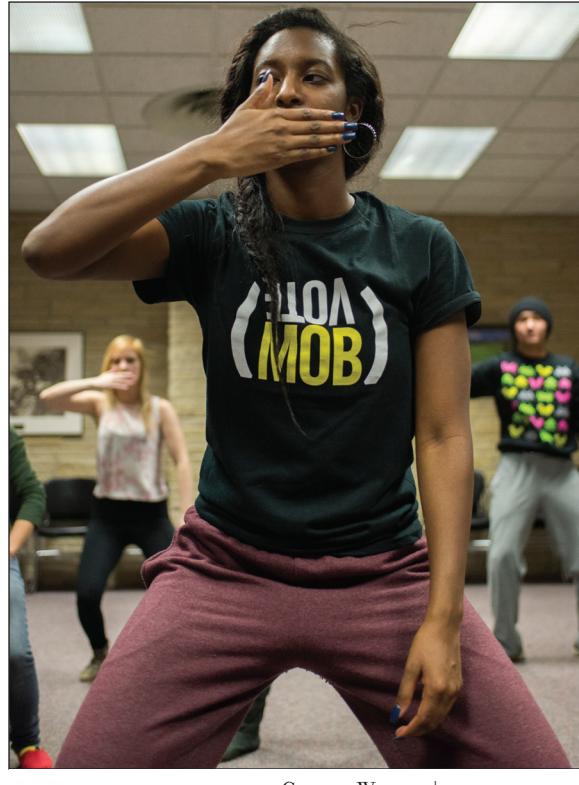
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Students poize themselves for tryouts



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Whitney Bolton, senior in biology and president of the Poize Hip Hop dance team, teaches a routine "Dope" by Tyga to the students trying out for the team on Monday in the K-State Student Union. Students from many different years and majors came to try out for the team.



(From left to right) **Rene Me**, senior in architectural engineering; **Robee Ybanez**, senior in architectural engineering; and **Bethany Parker**, freshman in secondary education, dance to "Dope" by Tyga during the Poize Hip Hop dance team tryout on Monday.



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Justin Miller, junior in political science, dances to "Dope" by Tyga during the Poize Hip Hop dance team tryout on Monday.

HONORS | Program pushes students to think on 'more elevated level'

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"The honors program definitely gives students an extra step of education and learning and challenges," said Zachary Stroth, senior in family studies and human services and intern for UHP. "These students are all very bright. They come to college from being valedictorian of their high school or other honors, so giving them that chance to be in the honors program really ups that challenge for them."

"I definitely like how it's smaller classes, because I'm more inclined to talk than in larger classes," Benjamin said. "Larger classes can be kind of scary and intimidat-

ing. In smaller classes, I feel like you're more connected."

"They don't just want the generic good student – they want to see your passion and the difference that you would bring to the program."

are challenged to not just memorize information but to

think critically and deeply about how to apply the information they've learned.

"In my current honors class, my teacher definitely makes us think to be more scholarly," Benjamin said. "He doesn't want us to just be good students, he wants us to be developed all around."

Kelly agreed that her honors classes have been more focus on the topic at hand and have pushed her to think on a more elevated level.

While a 3.75 GPA and 28 ACT score are preferred, UHP considers students who fall below those numbers if they still demonstrate a deep

level of interest and dedication to education or what they call a "genuine intellectual curiosity about the world."

Kelly and Stroth said they urged students not to be disheartened by the numbers and focus on bringing out their thought and creativity when applying.

"Show your passion when you're applying," Benjamin said. "They don't just want the generic good student, they want to see your passion and the difference that you would bring to program."

Come to Powercat Financial Counseling's 5th anniversary celebration!

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K-State's student government leaders will be on hand to speak about their vision for establishing the center and all peer financial counselors and PFC Student Advisory Board members will be recognized. Additionally, current and potential supporters will be on hand. Refreshments will be provided, as well as entertainment by K-State's Cadence.

Powercat Financial Counseling offers free financial counseling to any current K-State student. Learn more at <http://www.k-state.edu/pfc>.

We look forward to celebrating five years of financial counseling at K-State with you!

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